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1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Reply Brief filed April 13, 2004. 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) states:

(b) (1) Appellant may file a reply brief to an examiner's answer or a supplemental examiner's answer within two months from the date of such examiner's answer or supplemental examiner's answer. See § 1.136(b) for extensions of time for filing a reply brief in a patent application and § 1.550(c) for extensions of time for filing a reply brief in a reexamination proceeding. The primary examiner must either acknowledge receipt and entry of the reply brief or withdraw the final rejection and reopen prosecution to respond to the reply brief. A supplemental examiner's answer is not permitted, unless the application has been remanded by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for such purpose.

Appellant has failed to timely file the Brief or an Extensions of Time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(b) or 1.550(c). Consequently, the Reply Brief has not been timely filed and therefor has not been considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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